Mike Wiggins Jr

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Dear Mr. Wiggins:

Thank you for your letter dated May 27, 2014, requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiate a public process under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to protect your treaty rights; as well as the aquatic resources, fisheries, wildlife, subsistence and public uses in the Bad River Watershed from metallic mining, including the potential Gogebic Taconite mine.

We ask for your patience as we consider your request and review the information at hand and how it reflects on our options for addressing these issues. Please feel free to call me or XXXXX to further discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

Bharat Mathur

Acting Regional Administrator